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Items for the Daily Log - 15 June 1953

Legislative Counsel

1. Mr. Robert Morris, Counsel for the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, informs me that last week the full Committee signed a letter to the Attorney General (at the urging of Senator McCarran) asking why the case of John P. Davies had not been submitted to a Grand Jury on the question of perjury, in accordance with the recommendation of the Subcommittee in its report on the Institute of Pacific Relations. One paragraph of the letter states that if such action is not taken by the Department, the Committee will find it necessary to hold open hearings on the Davies case. Mr. Houston and Mr. Pforzheimer have recommended to Mr. Kirkpatrick that General Counsel discuss this matter with the Deputy Attorney General, Mr. Rogers, in view of the fact that senior officials of the Department may not be cognizant of our prior communications with the former Attorney General and Mr. J. Edgar Hoover on this matter.

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3. Mr. Kirkpatrick informed Mr. Pforzheimer that the Director wished this office to obtain any Congressional hearings or reports which contain statements as to estimates on various phases of the international situation. These will then be referred to the appropriate offices for analysis, in order to determine whether government officials are following the intelligence estimates of this Agency.

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4. The Director has informed Mr. Cole, Chairman, Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, that we are presently engaged in high level discussion  on certain intelligence aspects of atomic energy.

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6. I have requested Colonel Burroughs of the Legislative Liaison Staff of the Air Force to review the Air Force testimony on psychological warfare presented to the Military Operations Subcommittee of the House Committee on Government Operations for references to CIA which then could be checked back with this office for security. Colonel Burroughs has agreed to do so.

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7. [ ] of DD/P called to inquire whether there were any new legislation introduced [ ] I informed him that neither the House Ways and Means Committee nor the House Judiciary Committee has any such legislation before it but that the whole question [ ] would probably be raised in the hearings which are about to begin before the House Ways and Means Committee which contemplate a complete review and revision of all tax laws.

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8. The Senate has approved S. Res. 117, which extends the authorization date of the investigation with respect to the effectiveness of foreign information programs by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee from June 30, 1953 to 1 February 1954. This will permit an examination of the operation and effect of the overseas information programs in the American Republics and a test-check of actions taken on the Committee's recommendations.

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